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DEAN OF RESIDENCE.

Trinity College.
TORONTO

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Dr. R.A.Falconer, C.M.G.,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear President :

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory, but I shall be quite willing to go into the subject of it with you either by telephone or in a personal interview. The matter being a very serious one, you may possibly prefer to discuss it with the Provost, with whom, as I judge from your last letter to me, you find it easier to do business than you do with me.

I went into the matter at length with the Registrar of the University this morning and, as far as time allowed, with Professor Wrong also. With both I found myself in substantial agreement, Professor Wrong promising for his part to accept Miss Scott as an examiner in History.

There is still time for the paper to be reconsidered in due conformity with the rules of the University in regard to consultation of papers and yet to be printed by the date on which the candidates have to write upon it.

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Trusting that your sense of fairness and justice will move you to take immediate action in regard to the matter,

I am

Yours faithfully

A. H. Young.

April 11th., 1917.

Professor L.E.Horning,

Victoria College,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Horning :

I learned with very great surprise yesterday afternoon that Miss Scott's paper in First Year History had been altered without reference to her; that her name had been removed from the paper; and that she had received no proof of the paper. I tried at once to communicate with you by telephone so as to obtain confirmation or denial or at least an explanation of these statements . Not being able to find you, I called up Professor Wrong and from him I found that the statements are substantially correct. This morning I have had a conversation with him and with the Registrar of the University ; and to both of them I have protested against the irregularities in the most emphatic manner. If it had been possible, I should have interviewed likewise the President of the University . As, however, his morning was all taken up, I had to content myself with deciding to send him a copy of this letter.

It is not merely the discourtesy and the failure to carry out the arrangement made by the Department of German to which I take exception. The well-known principle which has obtained for some years past in the University,by which those who do the lecturing should see and approve of the papers before they are placed in the hands of examinees,has been disregarded. The question of intercollegiate co-operation and of inter-collegiate relations generally is involved, as also is that of Trinity's right to duplication of lectures.

In view of all these circumstances you will understand that I regard it as only right that a copy of this letter should be sent to your co-examiner,Professor Will; to Professor Wrong, as Head of the Department of History; to Professor Fairley, as Head of the Department of German; to the Principal of University College, the President of Victoria College, the Superior of St.Michael's College, and to the Provost of Trinity College, as Heads of Houses and,therefore, as the proper persons to consider with the President of the University arrangements affecting intercollegiate relations. Not only because of the point just referred to , but because of the necessity for having the whole question of History as connected with Modern Languages placed on a clearly intelligible basis, I am , of course, sending a copy of the letter to the President and also to the Registrar of the

University . Miss Scott should also receive a copy, as the chief discourtesy was shown to her. My colleague, Professor Kittredge, is out of town, but , as the question is one affecting French quite as much as it affects German, I am sending him a copy . Professor J. Home Cameron, of University College, may as well receive one also, seeing that he is, as I understand, Chairman of the French Department for this year.

So that the letter may be more easily understood by those who are to read it, but who have not any knowledge of the circumstances, I may as well detail them.-

(1) About a year ago you and Professor Will were appointed delegates,on behalf of German and French, to go into the question of courses in History for students of Modern Languages. The courses to which you agreed were duly approved by the respective staffs.

(2) At or about the same time you and Professor Will agreed with Professor Wrong to give instruction in German and French History respectively. Apparently you exceeded your powers as conferred by your respective Departments, when you made this agreement , for I have not yet been able to find that you had authority to enter into it. In any case,I knew nothing of it until I was privately informed of it by Professor Kittredge at the beginning of this academic year. To that I could not be a party if,for no other reason,because of the inconvenience which would have resulted to our undergraduates in the matter of attending lectures and to our Registrar in making the time-table fit in with yours.

(3) Supposing that History was to be considered as an integral part of the work in German and French, we in Trinity have given instruction in it. No exception to this view of ours has been taken by you or , so far as I am aware, by any person else.

(4) When the Department of German met in February to allot papers you will remember that you made the proposal that in each year there should be a common paper for all the Colleges ; that it should be written on in the week set aside for term examinations ; and that this should take the place of a more formal examination in April. You will remember also that at our second meeting you told us that this arrangement

would have to be changed. Accordingly, we decided that the same examiners whom we had appointed at the first meeting should still set the papers ; that the papers should be half papers; that they should be printed with half papers in French; and that they should be given to the candidates as a regular part of the April examinations.

(5) In accordance with this latest agreement papers were prepared, placed before the members of the Department at a meeting regularly called, and approved by all of the members present, yourself included. Among these papers was the one for First Year candidates prepared by Miss Scott.

(6) A day or two after the meeting I duly delivered Miss Scott's paper to the Registrar of the University, explaining to him that it was to be combined with Dr. Will's paper on French History for the First Year and that both he and Miss Scott were to see proofs of the whole paper. This latter point was raised so that all possibility of overlapping of the one half with the other might be obviated.

(7) Learning something like a fortnight ago that Miss Scott had not received the proof , I advised her to communicate with the Registrar of the University. On doing so she was referred to you, I understand. Then she was told by you that her name had been removed from her paper and that changes had been made in the questions. Up to the present time she has not seen the proof nor have I. In fact I saw the paper itself fully printed in the Registrar's Office this morning.

I cannot allow the incident to pass unnoticed, for the unfairness is too manifest, though I am quite ready to grant that no unfairness was meant. There have been too many cases before this of failure on the part of members of the Staff of University College and of Victoria College, in more than one Department, to submit papers in the first instance , or, after changes have been ordered, to members of the Staff of Trinity College - a failure which smacks too much of Prussianism.

I am requesting the President to give orders that, if necessary, Miss Scott be proposed as an examiner in History at the meeting of Senate on Friday night, that her name be restored to its place on the First Year paper, and that both she and I may be given a chance , in common with any other persons concerned, to see whether the changes commend themselves to us. I think it would be well for him also to have the whole question of the Colleges in relation to History reopened and settled to the satisfaction of the Colleges and of the Head of the Department of History.

Yours faithfully

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May 15th, 1917

Professor A. H. Young,

Trinity College,

Toronto.

Dear Professor Young:

No regular programme has yet been drawn up for the Universities' Conference, but we are to discuss among other matters reports of the committees that were appointed last year, such as communications with the Universities of Britain and France, and the admission of Chinese students. There will be other reports from regular committees and certain incidental communications. As far as I know at present that covers the business.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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June 14th, 1917

Professor A. P. Young,

Trinity College,

Toronto.

Dear Professor Young:

I am directed by President Falconer to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter giving him names of possible candidates in German for the position in Acadia University.

Yours very truly,

President's Secretary.